

U.N. Unit Backs Total A-Test Ban

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.,
Nov. 26 (AP)—A resolution urging a moratorium on all nuclear weapons tests won overwhelming approval today in the General Assembly's main political committee.

The United States voted with the majority but said just before the vote that, until agreement is reached on a treaty containing provisions for on-site inspections, it will continue underground tests.

The resolution submitted by nonnuclear powers was approved by a vote of 86 to 0 with 13 abstentions—thus assuring its ratification by the Assembly. The aim is to speed an end to underground tests and thus extend the present limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty to cover all tests.

The abstainers included France and the Soviet-bloc countries with the exception of Rumania, which voted yes. The Soviet Union objected to mention in the resolution of international scientific cooperation on means of detecting underground tests. France has abstained consistently on U.N. disarmament resolutions.

The resolution also called on all countries to respect the spirit and provisions of the Test Ban Treaty.

This was directed at France and Communist China, which have refused to sign the Treaty, and which have conducted tests in the atmosphere in development of their own nuclear arsenals.

The resolution asked also that the disarmament negotiators in Geneva continue with a sense of urgency their efforts to produce a comprehensive test ban treaty, taking into account the improved possibilities for international cooperation in the field of seismic detection.